

Mayor explains building priorities

Mayor James Grimes explained the priority schedule city officials have set on getting municipal buildings back in operation following the March 8th flood. The Senior Citizens building will be ready for use in less than a month, as will the police department building if the radio equipment is installed. These two facilities have first priority, explained Grimes.

The library is cleaned out and the custom built cabinets are under construction and then it will be ready for new books. The fire department is back in its building, but some renovations are still to be made.

City Hall will not be occupied for at least three months. Officials

are going ahead with some major renovations they were already committed to do... bringing the facility up to ADA (handicapped accessible) and other modifications.

Meanwhile the senior citizens are meeting at the Elba Assembly of God; the police department is headquartered at the airport and city hall is in the old Guard/Reserve Center on Claxton Avenue.

Flood insurance adjusters have submitted their estimate of damages on several of the facilities and the council approved Grimes' recommendation and accepted the settlements.

County

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said that some people out in the county had expressed a desire to be under the recent much publicized buy-out program.

Director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency Charles Webb briefed commissioners on the federally funded program as it applies to the county.

Webb told commissioners that the buy-out is part of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and has to be applied for.

"The goal of the program is to support cost effective measures implemented during the recovery from a disaster that will reduce the risk of damage and suffering from future disasters," he said.

The director told members of the commission that the first step is to submit a notice of intent in participating in the program.

"This does not obligate the county to anything," Webb said. "It just says we're interested and may wish to participate."

Should the county decide there are indeed some areas that need to be moved or bought out, the county will then file an application.

Webb explained that funding for that comes from the federal and local government agencies.

Seventy-five (75) percent from the federal government and twenty-five (25) percent from local government.

He told commissioners that in order for persons to qualify for the program, they must have suffered repetitive damage and must express a desire to participate in the buy-out program.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said that she had at least five (5) families who live near Whitewater Creek and Big Creek that have expressed a desire to be bought out.

Commissioner Stephens commented he had had one resident living near the Pea River to express the same sentiment.

The commission voted to allow Webb to proceed with filing the notice of intent.

County Engineer Randy Tindell asked for and received permission to assist the Town of New Brockton on repairs to flood damaged streets.

He also stated that town officials wanted the county to spray the rights-of-way inside the city limits for weed control.

Tindell told commissioners that the work would be done at the county's convenience and the town will reimburse the county for any expenses incurred.

The engineer requested that the commission pass a resolution entering into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management

Dog

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The reward is for the arrest and conviction of person or persons who took the animal.

Whitworth added that the person or persons who took the dog will volunteer to return the animal, or send word where he can be picked up, there will be no questions asked.

The council also approved a settlement with Ken English canceling his lease-purchase of the old high school gym. English had gotten the building under the Wallace-Carter Act for new or expanding industry. There has been no business activity in the facility for several years.

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Grimes said Worth Tent wants to move their tent-making into this facility to allow more room for their weaving operation in the old middle school building. He said Elba doesn't want to lose Worth Tent and needs to work with the company in any way possible to help with the planned expansion.

The mayor indicated that there is a probability the Industrial Board will help with the payment of the \$20,000.

Insurance claim settlements on four city owned buildings have been offered by the flood insurance company. Claim forms on the contents of the buildings are still being filled out, according to Grimes. They are

also still awaiting a settlement offer on the city hall building. The council, after being assured the buildings can be repaired for these amounts, authorized the mayor and city clerk to sign the claims forms. They are \$45,340.45 for the senior citizens building, \$39,181.92 for the fire department, \$38,979.26 for the police department and \$17,709.20 for the rescue squad building.

Grimes also reported that the huge \$2.8 million sewer improvement project is ready to go and federal officials will be in town on April 22 with a check for that amount.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the city is progressing with the clean-up of the town. He said there is a lot of trash still on the

roadside, but the city crews are working as fast as they can to get this cleaned up. The two biggest problems for the street department are the bridges on Caroline Street and Tiger Drive, Morrow said. Both are closed due to flood damage. He said that engineers think that after they make sure there is no hidden damage, the bridges (or the approaches) can be repaired rather quickly and without major work on the bridges themselves.

The council approved going ahead with the previously contracted resurfacing of Reddock Hill Road. This had been held up following the March 8th flooding. Also the council authorized advertising for bids on a new front end loader to replace one which is almost worn out.

Monthly bills totaling \$36,156.07 were approved for payment. This included \$18,779.12 in regular bills and \$17,376.95 in flood-related expenses.

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\$73,000 missing from county, 2 indicted

by Marvin McLain, Editor

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Tornadoes continue to hit all over the South, except right on top of Elba... so far. Our friends in Opp are also lucky, or living at the foot of the Cross. While they did get a tornado last week, there were no lives lost. The tornado concern in Elba appears to still take a backseat to worries about potential high water. All weekend people were asking about predictions on the river crest. Others were riding around keeping a constant check on the levels of the area creeks. This is a normal reaction, considering the recent flooding. We saw, and experienced, the same thing in 1990. Sunday morning while leaving church we heard a woman comment about her brother who was out checking the water levels. Our reaction to her was, "That isn't necessary, everything will be okay." Then, maybe because we were in church, it was true confession time and these words just poured out. "Actually, we did the same thing before coming to morning services."

Dennis Coleman, water department supervisor, said Monday morning that the flood pump station in the old Beaver Dam Creek bed was working like a charm. From Friday night when they were switched on until the pumps were switched off Sunday, these suckers dumped 55,000,000 gallons (that is millions) of water over the levee! That is water which might have gotten into someone's building again if Elba had not had the big pumps working. Our office had several calls during the weekend about these pumps, but folks t-h-e-y w-e-r-e p-u-m-p-i-n-g!

Elba has been without a permanent postmaster for many months. Before that the community went through a couple of quick changes following the retirement of native son Bill Bullard. Last week a group of local citizens expressed concern and vowed to "get involved." To guide them in the right direction we promised to get a phone number to the right person. Well, what we found out was that a new postmaster has been assigned and will officially be on board May 9th. He is coming from Tennessee. Maybe for a change this one will live in Elba and be part of the community, since it is a bit far to drive back and forth to Tennessee.

The Alabama legislature has one more day of this regular session. After all this time, again they have not passed the general fund nor the education fund budgets for the coming year. In spite of the special rules installed to prevent this type thing from happening, someone usually finds a way around the rules and it is the last hour of the last day before the vote is taken to approve the main operating budgets. Of course this time, pork money can be hidden in the bills and passed quickly before anyone else can discover it is there. Last year, ending May 9th, he is coming from Tennessee. Maybe for a change this one will live in Elba and be part of the community, since it is a bit far to drive back and forth to Tennessee.

Things are looking up around here this week. The Elba Clipper office is almost ready for us to move back in. We are refusing to set an exact date, because striving to make this self imposed deadline would just add to the anguish of the whole situation.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 13th THRU APRIL 19th, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 13, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two criminal mischiefs, two personal injuries, one harassment, one theft of property, one slander, one burglary, and one hit and run (vehicle).

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: one for DUI, one for driving without a driver's license, one for reckless driving, and four for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 13 - River Stage - 8.51 feet (6:28 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - River Stage - 7.86 feet (6:13 a.m.); Wreck on Whitewater Bridge on Smith Ave. (10:26 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (3:10 p.m.); Rescue run to Marler Trailer Park on Troy Hwy. (8:46 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - River stage - 7.71 (7:25 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to automobile fire at Mr. Henry's (3:23 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 - River stage - 7.39 (6:45:30 a.m.); Wreck

reported at Big/Little East (11:35 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - River stage - 7.14 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of Co. Rd. 114 and AL Hwy. 167 (11:35 p.m.); Wreck reported on Davis St. (12:10 p.m.); Disturbance (fight) reported at Taylor's Grocery on Caroline St. (3:14 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at Little Beaver Trailer Court on AL Hwy. 84W (4:02 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - River stage - 19.22 feet (6:26 a.m.); Minor wreck reported near fire station on Buford St. (10:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Kennedy Estates (10:48 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on Simmons St. (8:22 p.m.); Alarm at the Coffee County Board of Education Central Office (11:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 - River stage - 16.71 feet (6:25 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Caroline St. (11:12 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Smith Ave. (5:24 p.m.); Rescue run to apartments on Putnam St. (7:44 p.m.); Alarm at Taylor Grocery on Caroline St. (10:02 p.m.).

OPINION

If you can read this, take time to thank an educator next week

By CHARLES PEARCE,
Superintendent Elba City Schools

Public School Week is celebrated in Alabama during the week of April 27 - May 1. Each year, this week is designated to recognize the contributions made to our society by public education.

Although some critics may emphasize flaws in the system, public education has served the people of Alabama well. When one realizes Alabama ranks in the lowest 10 percent nationwide in per pupil expenditures, we may be getting the biggest bang for our buck in public education than any other public service.

As we continue to see dramatic changes in technology, we must be more keenly aware of how important it is for all our citizens to be educated as highly as possible.

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AREA DEATHS

MARTIN LAMAR THIGPEN
Mr. Martin Lamar Thigpen died April 12, 1998, in Ontario, Calif. He was born June 27, 1958, in Lee County, Ala., to Minnie Lee Thigpen and the late William Lester Thigpen.

Funeral services were held April 17, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, with Minister Tynny Williams officiating, and Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Minnie Lee Thigpen; one child: Martin Lamar Caldwell; a sister: Annie Doris Austin (Charles); three brothers: Larry Thigpen, Williams Lewis Thigpen, and Chris Thigpen, all of Elba; and other relatives.

JAMES COLEMAN REDMON
Mr. James Coleman Redmon, age 84, of Rt. 4, Opp, died April 14, 1998, at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held April 17, at 11 a.m. at Rainer Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Robert Davis officiating. Burial followed in Peaceful Acres Cemetery, with Rainer Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Redmon was a farmer and past owner of Elba Ford Tractor. Survivors include his wife: Lois Redmon, Opp; several nieces and nephews.

CHAFEY DEWEY WHITEHEAD
Mr. Chafey Dewey Whitehead, age 89, of Elba, died April 18, 1998, at Edge Regional Treatment Center.

Funeral services were held April 20, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a step-daughter:

Eula "Mac" Meredith, Enterprise; two sisters: Minnie Ina Rodgers, Elba; Eula Thompson, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

HASTON HUDSON
Mr. Haston Hudson, age 88, of Rt. 1, Kinston, died April 19, 1998, in the Opp Nursing Home.

Graveside services and burial were held April 21, 1998, in New Home Cemetery, with Rev. Chester Holley officiating, and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five daughters: Pastine Henderson, Enterprise; Jewel McKinney, Kinston; Gennie Crawley, Elba; Louellen Bedsole, Kinston; Cathy Sharp, Montgomery; three sons: Charles Hudson, Kinston; Robert Hudson, Elba; Harold Hudson, Opp; two sisters: Alice Houston, Graceville, Fla.; Emma Nolin, Phenix City, Ala.; 28 grandchildren.

MARGARET BRUNSON SMITH
Mrs. Margaret Brunson Smith, age 81, of Rt. 4, Elba, died April 17, 1998, in Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held April 19, 1998, at 3 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jack Smith officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stephanie Kay Johns.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Norman Johns, Enterprise; Paula Nan and Mickey McCollough, Elba; Angelny and Max Holley, Enterprise; Sheila and Ronnie Danford, Enterprise; a son and daughter-in-law: Jack and Stacy Smith, Brownwood, Texas; a

brother: A.C. Brunson Sr., Elba; sister: Lois Whitley, Elba; six grandchildren: Sophia J. Kelley, New Brockton; Sandi M. Sullivan, Elba; Sonya D. Grice, Enterprise; Kim D. Gibson, Enterprise; Emily Smith and Natalie Smith, Brownwood, Tex.; six grandsons: Tony Johns, Jack; Mike McCollough, Dothan; Lance McCollough, Elba; Chris Holley and Ron Danford, Enterprise; Mason Holley, Phenix City; 9 great-grandchildren.

VERSIE LEE SMITH
Mrs. Versie Lee Smith, age 79, of Rt. 1, Jack, died April 20, 1998, at her home.

Funeral services were held April 22, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Raymond Miller and Rev. Mark Griffin officiating. Burial was in the Zion Chapel Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Samson Jeffery Smith, Jack; two daughters: Betty Morris, Bonifay, Fla.; Carolyn Linzey, Troy; two sons: Charles Smith and Ronnie Smith, Jack; a sister: Lois Austin, Brundidge; two brothers: David

Wambles and Junior Wambles, both of Lake Wales, Fla.; 10 grandchildren.

A.C. BRUNSON, SR.
A.C. (Bud) Brunson, Sr., passed away Tuesday, April 21, 1998, in Laverne.

Funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

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SERVICE NEWS

Wilson joins Army

Mark Wilson has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Wilson, a student at Elba High School, will report to Ft. Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on July 23.

He is the son of Denise E. Brooks of Elba.

Smith promoted

Nicholas J. Smith has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant. He is a satellite and wideband communications equipment craftsman in England.

Smith is the son of Jim R. Smith, Rt. 1, Elba, and Loraine R. Goodwin of Lottsburg, Va. His wife, Sharee, is the daughter of Pat O'Grinn of Ore City, Tex.

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CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

Perceptions define our views

by Mart Gray, Coordinator
Alabama Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship

What is it that makes a little child play with his face on the mirror? What motivates us to pull down picture albums and spend hours thumbing through the pages? What stands us still at the water's edge as we gaze at ourselves on the sunlit surface of the stream? For children one could surmise it's a fascination with simple technology and self-discovery. Pictures take us places we haven't been in a while. And streams . . . well, the cynic might lay it all at the feet of vanity.

We all draw, in one way or another, to those reflections of ourselves that allow us an "outsider's" view of ourselves. Let's face it . . . we spend most of our lives on the inside of ourselves looking out. You know this may just be a philosophical musing, but it absolutely astounds me that, in 35 years of inhabiting this body, I've never actually SEEN my face. Oh, I've seen it in the mirror thousands of times, but I've never actually viewed it myself. We spend our entire lives looking OUT what others around us are able to look upon.

Well, it's not an earth-shattering fact, but it does give some insight to the necessity of images. Why, were it not for these reflections, we would have a most mysterious concept of our own persons based solely on the descriptions of others and whatever info our fingertips could ascertain as they move across our faces.

Perspective and perception may not be everything in life, but they do define our view of things in ways from which we are not easily liberated. And, for all the natural and technological ways of "looking upon ourselves," we often find it difficult to view our life circumstances any way except from the inside out.

We are suspect of others who proclaim with an almost annoying flippancy, "I know just how you feel . . . I've been right where you are . . . I can tell you just what you need to do . . ." Unlike those most-ly accurate physical reflections, we are not as easily persuaded by the spiritual and emotional reflections that others tend to impose upon us. We'd like to accept their encouraging scenarios, but deep down we're just not sure.

The Hebrew writer proclaimed, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Only in faith can we begin to see ourselves from a more divine perspective. Only in faith can we allow God to reveal His perfect understanding of our life circumstances. Faith in a mysteri-

ous God Who sees us from above as Father, face-to-face as Son, and from within as Holy Spirit . . . that faith can liberate our "bound" view of life as we know and comprehend it.

God is a God who "stands at the door and knocks." He will not kick His way in nor impose Himself uninvited. Only through faith can we begin to see our lives as He sees them. Salvation is the gift of a gracious God, but faith is the toll of mankind as we begin to perceive and give evidence of "things not seen." The reward of a tested faith far exceeds the simple pleasures of sentimental reflections, but it is hard work to be sure.

May God grant the strength to struggle in faith and to perceive the possibility of "things hoped for" in the circumstances of life from a new perspective . . . a faith-filled perspective.



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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

I have never been spooked by the weather, but in the past six weeks the City of Elba has been hit with a flood, countless thunder storms and at least five tornado warnings, and I will admit that I now get a little worried every time the weather makes a turn for the worse. Over the weekend was the first time in my life I ever made my family take cover in a closet from a possible tornado, and my youngest daughter now watches the Weather Channel more than she does cartoons. If someone has figured out what is going on, please let me know!

DUSTING OFF A VERY CLUTTERED DESK....

***The Elba Tigers won three of four games last week to improve their record to 11-10, and made the state playoffs with a very impressive 21-1 win over the Headland Rams, on Saturday afternoon. The Tigers had been struggling since their last 5-0 start, but put it all together last week and now have high hopes concerning this weekend's playoff game up in North Alabama. If the Tigers will hit the baseball and play solid on defense they can go a long way in the playoffs. Don't let the 10 losses fool ya. The Tigers lost twice to 6A Enterprise, twice to 5A Opp and 5A Andalusia, and twice to 2A power G.W. Long. If Elba has learned from its losses and can continue its late-season surge, the Tigers could very well be playing for many more games.

***The Elba Lady Tigers did their usual win/lose one routine last week on two different days and saw their record for the season move to 12-6. Both losses were by one run, and of the Lady Tigers' six losses, five have been by one run and the other by only two runs. The girls still have two weeks left before they begin their tournament run, and if they can pick up the pace a little and start sweeping some opponents, they should have a real shot at making the sub-state playoffs. This team is young, but it is much better than many people realize, and has a shot at making some news before the season draws to a close.

***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will open its baseball and softball seasons next week, and after a one-year absence will once again have a men's softball league. This spring and summer will find the department sponsoring 29 youth league baseball teams and 16 girls league softball teams, as well as four teams in the men's softball league and a total of 11 all-star teams. That is a total of 60 teams taking part in baseball and softball in the city. That's a lot of teams for a town this size, but shows that the people of Elba and the surrounding area love to play ball, and that Elba's recreation department must be doing something right.

***The fourth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Tournament scheduled for last weekend was washed out by the Friday night storms, but the teams were contacted again this week, and if they want to come back and try it again, the tournament will go on one week late. The tournament is one of the highlights of the area high school schedule, and it would be a real shame if it didn't bounce back and let the teams hit the field. If the teams want to play, they will be given the chance. If not, I guess it will wait until next year.

***The Elba Tigers have started spring football drills and Coach David Sikes is optimistic that next year's Tigers will be much improved over last year's 2-8 bunch. This year Elba will close out the spring drills with a scrimmage game against Samson on May 8, and it should give Elba fans an early opportunity to see for themselves what kind of team the Tigers will field in '98. It's hard to get excited about football right now, but I'm sure before May 8 the fever will hit me.

Ladies split double-header, improve record to 12-6

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field twice last week and posted two wins and two losses to push their season record to 12-6.

The Lady Tigers opened the week in New Brockton and split a double-header, dropping the opener 5-4 and winning the nightcap 14-1.

In the opener the Lady Tigers saw the Lady Gamecocks score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to take the 5-4 win. Lindsey Jared had a two-run homer to lead Elba at the plate, while Melissa Grantham added 2 hits.

The Lady Tigers led all the way in the second game to post a 14-1 win in five innings. Elba led only 1-0 after two innings, but scored eight runs in the third to take command, and rolled to the win. Leigh Kelley hit two home-runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Amber Frederick added a double and a home-run, and

Lindsey Jared all added 2 hits. Elba hosted Arton in a Thursday afternoon double-header and rebounded from an 8-7 loss in the opener to claim a wild 14-13 win in the nightcap.

The Lady Tigers owned a 5-0 lead after four innings in the opening game, but saw Arton score seven runs in the fifth to take the lead and hold on for the win. Amber Frederick got 4 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Vaughn Boyd added 2 hits and Heather Hudson hit a home-run.

The Lady Tigers scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to claim a wild 14-13 win over Arton in the second game of the day. Arton had scored four runs in the top of the seventh to grab a 13-8 advantage, but Elba rallied late and claimed the win on a two-out, three-run homer by Lindsey Jared. Leigh Kelley had two

Elba claims state play-off berth

The Elba Tigers pounded out a total of 20 hits in only four innings Saturday afternoon to bury the Headland Rams 21-1, to earn the runner-up spot in the area, and a berth in this weekend's opening round of the state Class 3A high school baseball playoffs.

The win improved Elba's record to 11-10, 2-2 in the area, and put the Tigers back in the state playoffs after a one year absence.

The Tigers grabbed a quick 1-0 lead in the opening inning as Derek Marler doubled and raced home on an RBI single by Ronnie Davis.

The one-run first was not an indication of things to come, however, as the Tigers ripped Headland pitching for 10 hits in the second inning and plated 11 runs to take a big 12-0 advantage!

Julian Mitchell ripped a lead-off

double to spark the second inning fireworks, while Brooks Creel, Kevin Dodd and Derek Marler all followed with hits. Two quick outs threatened to dampen the Tiger rally, but LaDon Daniels, Julian Mitchell and Brooks Creel all delivered two-out hits, and after free passes to Dodd and Marler, Ronnie Davis and Dustin Stinson came through to clean the bases and blow the game open.

Elba was on top, but nowhere near satisfied, as the Tigers came back up to bat in the bottom of the third and added nine runs to take a lopsided 21-0 lead over the stunned Rams.

Josh Dawkins, LaDon Daniels and Julian Mitchell all reached on free passes to open the inning, while Brooks Creel, Kevin Dodd, Derek Marler, Ronnie Davis, Wade Parker,

Dawkins and Daniels all added key hits to highlight the inning. Brooks Creel got 3 hits, knocked in 4 runs and scored 3 runs to lead the Elba batting explosion, while Derek Marler added 3 hits, knocked in 3 runs and scored 4 runs, and Ronnie Davis also added 3 hits, knocked in 4 runs and scored twice.

Also having a big day at the plate for the Tigers in the win were Kevin Dodd (2-4, 2 RBI's and 3 runs scored), Dustin Stinson (2-4 and 2 RBI's), Wade Parker (2-4, 1 RBI and 3 runs scored) and Julian Mitchell (2-3, 1 RBI and 3 runs scored).

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SPORTS

New Brockton wins county title

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted two straight wins over their cross-county rivals Saturday afternoon in the "Coffee County Baseball Challenge" to win the 1998 Coffee County School System baseball championship.

The Gamecocks, which improved their record to 10-7 with the wins, opened the day with an easy 19-5 win over Zion Chapel, then staged a late rally to down Kinston 7-2 to take the title.

In the opener, New Brockton scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back to claim the win. A two-run homer by Jason McKenzie sparked the first inning explosion, while Robby Kinsaul, Charlie Moore, Kellen Cole, Jason Caradine and Charlie Driggers all added RBI's in the seven-run rally.

The Gamecocks led 7-2 going into the bottom of the third, but plated twelve runs in their half of the

inning to blow the game wide open. Charlie Moore and Chad Moore both blasted home-runs in the big third inning for the Gamecocks.

Kinston eliminated Zion Chapel in the next game of the day to earn the right to meet New Brockton for the county title, but the Gamecocks proved their dominance over their cross-county rivals as they posted a 7-2 win to take home the crown.

Kinston battled the favored Gamecocks on even terms through-

out the game and the score was knotted at 2-2 after six innings, only to see the Gamecocks score five runs in the seventh to pull out the win.

An RBI single by Kinsaul and a solo home-run by McKenzie plated the two first two Gamecock runs, while the big seventh inning explosion came compliments of a walk, three singles and a pair of doubles off the bats of Kinsaul and Cole.

Conference team has 11 players

The South Central Alabama Conference announced its 1998 "All-Conference" basketball selections recently, with a total of six Coffee County players named to the boys' team and five county players named to the girls' squad.

Named to the boys' "All-Conference" team were Jason Allums, Keller Cole and Josh Lewis, of New Brockton; Wesley Clark and Josh Grantham, of Zion Chapel; and Jeremy Osborn, of Kinston.

Named to the girls' "All-Conference" team were Suzanne Rhoades and April Lee, of Kinston; Dawn Owens and LaSanta Cole, of New Brockton; and Kendra Ward, of Zion Chapel.

Jody Hughes, of G.W. Long was named the "Player of the Year" on the boys' squad, with G.W. Long coach Terry Goodson being named "Coach of the Year."

"Co-Players of the Year" on the girls' team were Deanna Terry, of Arton, and Jamie Pruitt, of G.W. Long, while G.W. Long's Todd Horn was named the "Coach of the Year."

Softball tourney set May 2

A men's softball tournament will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Hefflin Smith Sports Complex, in Kinston, Alabama.

The entry fee is \$100 per team, with each team to hit its own softballs. One home-run will be allowed.

Trophies will be awarded to the Top 3 teams, with 1-shirt to the members of the winning team.

For more information call Kenny Davis 565-3184 or Town Hall 565-3188.

Vietnam vets plan tourney

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 373, will sponsor a Men's Class C and Below Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 9, at the Clayhatchee Recreation Park.

The entry fee is \$100 per team and each team will provide its own softballs. The proceeds will go to the Robert J. Williams Scholarship Fund, who is a POW/MIA.

For more information call Nancy 598-4322 or Deloris 598-2332.

TSU plans baseball camp

Troy State University has released its youth baseball camp schedule for the coming summer.

The first camps will be held at Northview High School, in Dothan. There will be a hitting camp on May 30, and a pitching camp on May 31. Both camps are for ages 8-18 and will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM.

There will also be camps held at TSU, with a hitting camp on June 20 and a pitching/catching camp on June 21. The camps will be for ages 8-18 and will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM.

Please call 334-670-3333 for more information on all of these camps.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
Elba at Geneva Co. (2) 4:30
Arton at Kinston (2) 4:00

Kinston at H.A. (2) 4:00
Arton at Zion Chapel (2) 4:00

MONDAY, APRIL 27
Elba at Samson (2) 4:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Kinston at Elba (2) 4:00
Goshen at Zion Chapel (2) 3:30

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 1998

	GENERAL	ENTERPRISE FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	TRUST & AGENCY	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
REVENUES							
TAXES	1,390,195		758,302				2,148,497
LICENSES AND PERMITS	31,568		29,734				61,302
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	220,643		1,019,529			15,876	1,250,172
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	412,587	1,132,197	127,442			11,405	1,683,631
MISCELLANEOUS	128,070	19,169	192,011	27,202	43,058	1,209	411,619
TOTAL REVENUES	2,179,063	1,151,366	2,127,918	27,202	43,058	28,490	5,557,097
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	922,419		97,315	673,813		7,090	1,700,637
PUBLIC SAFETY	643,906		2,779			15,878	662,561
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS	0	311,583	1,626,704				1,938,287
SANITATION	1,459						1,459
HEALTH	21,128						21,128
WELFARE	22,347		9,679				32,026
CULTURE AND RECREATION	5,000						5,000
EDUCATION	22,704						22,704
CAPITAL OUTLAY	77,102	1,459	20,910				99,471
DEBT SERVICE	0	96,580	131,340		114,688		342,608
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT	0	47,654	22,337		208,619		278,610
INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	0						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,716,065	457,276	1,911,064	673,813	343,207	22,966	5,104,491
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	462,998	694,090	216,854	(646,611)	(280,249)	5,524	452,606
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	0	0	508,174	0	(688,279)	0	1,136,953
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(244,894)	0	(888,238)	0	(63,821)	0	(1,196,953)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(244,894)	0	(380,064)	0	(63,821)	0	0
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	218,104	694,090	(163,210)	(646,611)	344,709	5,524	452,606
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	576,878	(1,019,632)	1,816,616	3,771,186	2,528,584	30,910	7,704,542
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	794,982	(325,542)	1,653,406	3,124,575	2,873,293	36,434	8,157,148

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday - Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does NOT present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited date.

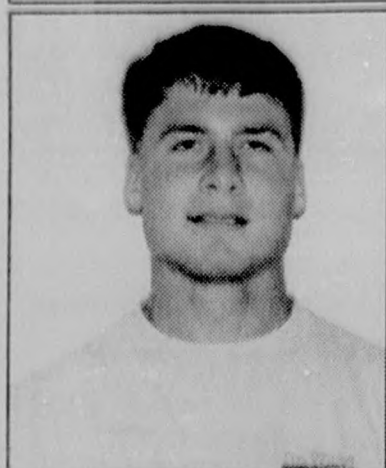
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF MARCH 31, 1998

Gasoline Fund Warrants	\$ 240,000
General Obligation Warrants (Jail)	200,000
General Obligation Warrants (Health Department)	45,000
General Obligation Warrants (Health Department Addition)	108,089
General Obligation Warrants (DHR)	390,000
General Obligation Warrants (Refunding Issue)	2,675,000
Landfill Warrants	1,315,000
Lease Purchase Equipment	601,735
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	479,278
Amount in Escrow	(2,564,570)

Total Indebtedness \$ 3,489,532

SCHOOLS

Vica Spotlight



Matthew Farris

Taxidermy employee plans to be veterinarian

by Diana Jackson
This week's VICA spotlight focuses on Matthew Farris. He is an employee of Southern Taxidermy, where he mounts birds and other small animals.

Matthew is the son of Phil and Susan Farris and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, and Sr. Beta. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

After high school, Matthew plans to attend Auburn University and major in animal science in pre-vet and he hopes to get accepted into Veterinary school in three or four years.

Class ranks announced

by Elizabeth Strong

Recently, the seniors of Elba High School received the news that has been long awaited for this whole year, class rankings. After four years of hard work and dedication, the final grades for the ranking have been announced.

They are as follows: valedictorian, Matthew Farris; salutatorian, Anna Head; third, Brandee Farris; fourth, Walt Russell; fifth, Misty Kelley; sixth, Leigh Kelley; seventh, Elizabeth Strong; eighth, Brandie Mann; ninth, Bonnie Vaughan; tenth, Marsha Mauldin.

Beta Club members order honor stoles

by Bonnie Vaughan

On Friday, March 27 Sr. Beta Club Honor Stoles were ordered. They will arrive before the first of May and will go to all seniors in the Senior Beta Club on honors day in May in award for their academic excellence.

Tiger Tales



Anna Head,
Editor

Elizabeth
Strong,
Assistant Editor



Shown from left are Katrina Calhoun, Melanie Mularz and Judy Killingsworth. Melanie's prize-winning poster netted a \$200 prize for her class.

Mularz brings cash to class at Elba Elementary School

by Brandee Farris

During Farm City Week, children could enter the poster art contest. Seven hundred entries from kindergarten through third grade were received around the state.

Melanie Mularz, a student of Elba Elementary School, submitted one of those entries. As a matter of fact, she happened to submit the winning poster art entry. Drawing a picture entitled "Discovering Agriculture," Melanie placed first on the county level.

There were 59 winners across the state. In the state competition, Melanie also placed first. Her poster will be featured in the 1999 Alabama Farm City Calendar.

Menus

Elba Elementary Schools has released the following menus for the week of April 27 through May 1, 1998.

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chili w/Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, Half Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Fish Burger, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
Wednesday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
Thursday - Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Wedges, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Corn Dog, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnips, Half Apple, Milk



FLOOD DONATION: The Elba High School Student Government Association received a letter and a check from Sulligent High School in Sulligent, Ala., following the flood. The letter offered Sulligents sincere sympathy for our town. It stated that their SGA wanted the money to go to a deserving family. Elba's SGA held an officer meeting and chose to present the check to Coach Boyd English. The English family's home was flooded, and they were left with nothing but a few belongings. The EHS SGA felt that they were a very deserving family. Coach English was very appreciative when he received the check. Shown from left are Elizabeth Strong, Coach English and Julie Roberson.



Head

Cooper

Davis

Mauldin

Students of the month named

by Vaughan Boyd

Students of the month recently were named at EHS.

Jonathan Head is an eighth grader and was nominated by Brian Weeks. He states that Jonathan is a very good student and maintains an "A" average. He is very attentive and participates in class discussions.

Chelsea Cooper was chosen by Judith Tucker. She is an eighth grader and Ms. Tucker comments that Chelsea is an excellent student. She always has her work done and actively participates in the class.

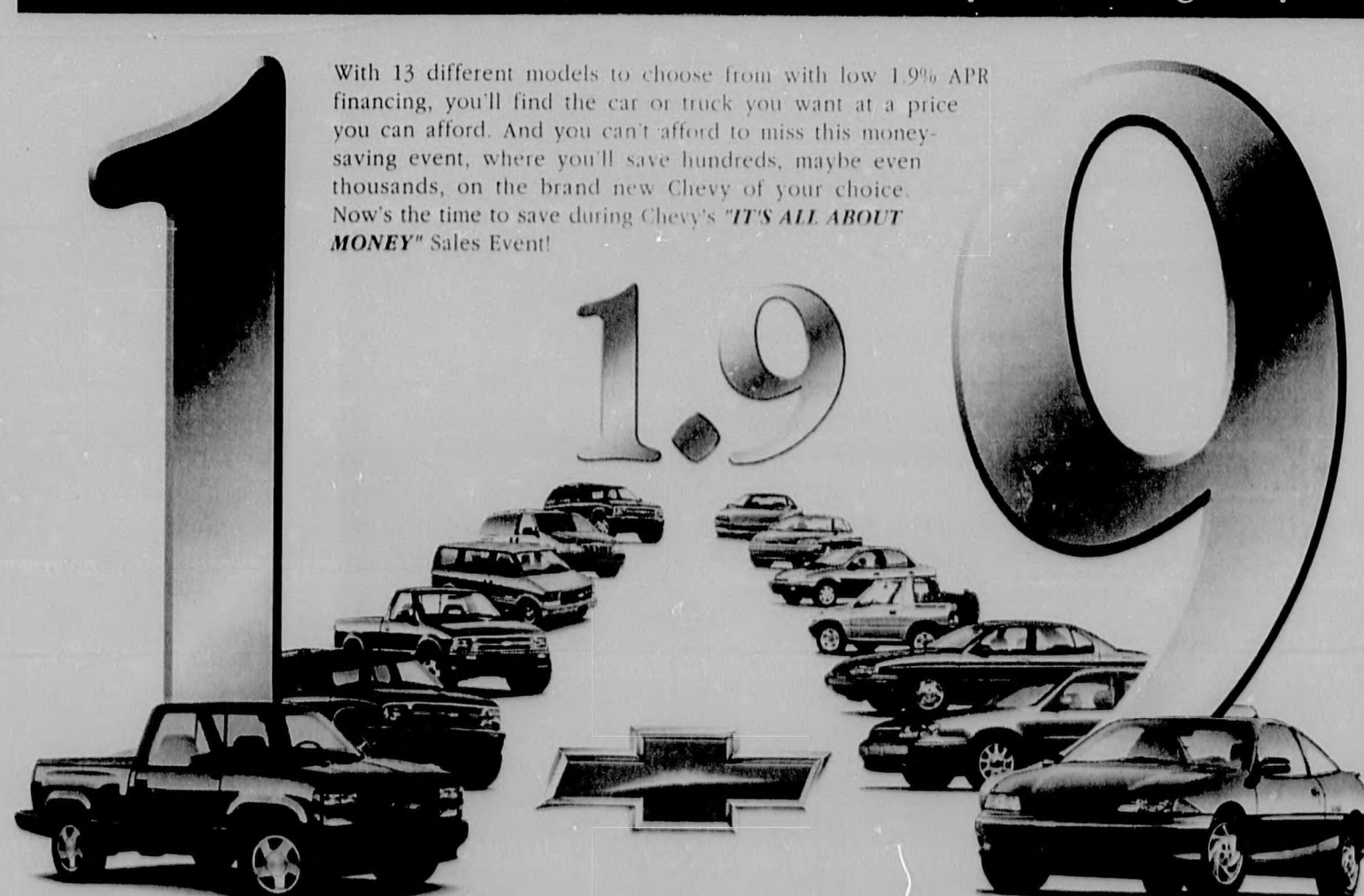
Barbara Jones nominated Glem Davis, an eleventh grader. She says he is a very hard worker and always

is a well behaved student. Sylvia Padgett nominated a senior, Marsha Mauldin, for Student of the Month. She comments that Marsha is always attentive, courteous, respectful, and prompt. All these characteristics resulted in very high grades and she deserves this honor.

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Tax help available for senior citizens

Senior citizens who have filed for tax filing extensions - both state and federal - are being offered free assistance in tax return preparation courtesy of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). The assistance is being offered each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center located in the fellowship hall of the First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive. Persons filing for extensions have three months to file federal income tax returns without being penalized and until June 20th to file state returns.

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mobile home, located in Wilkinstown -

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***Revival '98 in progress at Greater St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church, Brantley, Rev. John Dees Jr., pastor, April 20 - 24, 7:30 each evening. Guest evangelist - Rev. John F. Payne, pastor, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile. Devotional: Wednesday - St. Mark, Good Hope, Dunn Chapel AME and Antioch; Thursday - New Hope (Vesley), Spring Hill, Bethel AME (Andalusia), Jordan Grove, Morning Star, St. James, and Zion Chapel; Friday - Roxanna, Shady Grove AME, Woodford Community, Little Baptist Hill and Gantt AME; Zion; choirs: Wednesday - Rocky Head; Thursday - St. James; Friday - Mass Choir.

***The 13th Pastor's Anniversary will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Tarentum Community, May 3. Rev. A.R. Williams is pastor. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., morning worship - 11. Rev. Willie Edwards; lunch and program in afternoon with Rev. L.P. Carter, pastor Jordan Grove, Mt. Nebo, and Benevolent Grove Baptist Churches, bringing the message.

***Appreciation Program for Mrs. Patti Culver and family at Rocky Head M.B. Church, May 16, at 6 p.m.

***Those attending Youth services at Rocky Head M.B. Church, May 16, at 6 p.m.

Zion Chapel Menus

Zion Chapel Schools have submitted the following menus for the week of April 27-May 1.

BREAKFAST
Monday - French Toast, Ham Slice, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Cereal, Juice, Donuts, Milk
Friday - Pot Luck

LUNCH
Monday - Pizza, Barbecue Sandwich, Breaded Squash

Tuesday - Hamburger, Turkey Burrito, French Fries, Cheese Slice, Fruit, Fresh Veggies w/Dip, Jello, Milk
Wednesday - Steak Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, English Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Oatmeal Cookie, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Pizza Burger, Fish Nuggets, Steamed Cabbage, Baked Potato, Fruit, Juice Bar, Hush Puppies, Milk
Friday - Hoagie, Turkey/Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, English Peas, Cherry Crisp, Crackers, Milk

MacArthur State Technical College has released names of students on honors lists during winter quarter 1997-98.

Appearing on the President's List and maintaining A averages were: ELBA - Jake Batchelor, Ayanna Lawrence, John Niles, Kelyn Williams; BRANTLEY - Tracey Burnett, Arthurine Pitts; KINSTON - Marjorie Sansom, Ashley Simmons

Students maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or above and listed on the Dean's List include: ELBA - Melissa Drewery, Robert Neff, Heather Williamson; BRANTLEY - Heath Kilcrease; JACK - Tanya Dewberry; KINSTON - Leah Russell

Help

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ICC is a licensed and bonded loss consulting corporation that represents victims' interests regarding property damage claims.

Preparing a complicated damage assessment requires a vast knowledge about the degree of damage to a building, proper repair methods, and costs of the repair.

All of the above has to be put in the framework of the insurance company's format with the goal toward future settlement.

On a work site in Elba, Ehler pointed out several things that one should look for in a flood-damaged structure.

He noted that moisture content is very important and that a building or home should be thoroughly dried

out before any restoration is begun.

Ehler also expressed concern that too many times items or structures that could have been repaired are destroyed.

There are measures that can be taken to salvage such things as sheetrock walls and hardwood floors.

By opening one side of a sheetrock wall, the other side will dry properly, saving at least one half of a wall.

Removing one board of a hardwood floor will allow expansion without causing damage to the remaining boards or side walls.

He also noted that there are several hidden dangers in a flood damaged home or business that often go

unnoticed, or when they are noticed proper precaution or preventative measures are not taken.

Ehler pointed out the sometimes deadly mold/fungi by the name of Stachybotrys is found in buildings and homes ravaged by flood waters. It can make an individual very ill and sometimes can result in death.

Another pitfall to disaster victims is when dealing with a contractor in the restoration process one can be stuck with extra bills.

Ehler cautioned homeowners and/or owners of businesses to obtain a notarized affidavit from the

contractor that all labor and materials have been paid in full before making any payment for services rendered.

One should obtain copies of the contractor's bonding, liability and builder's risk insurance policies, and contact his or her insurance agent to verify the insurance is active.

The personnel at I.C.C. Incorporated - Ehler, Grady, Carol Stinson and Chris Williams - are in Elba to "help the people." They call themselves "The Extra Effort Experts."

They stress the fact that it is never

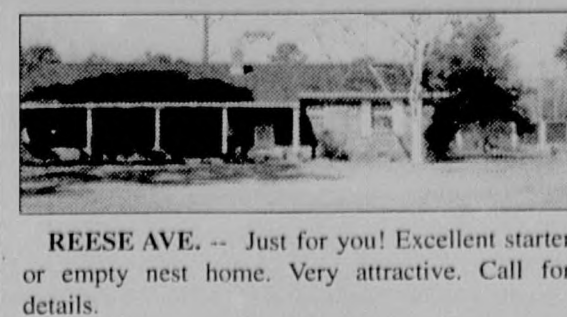
too late for you to have ICC evaluate your claim, and there is no charge for the initial evaluation.

Most states have a five-year Statute of Limitation on the reopening of an insurance claim. ICC will prepare a detailed, line-item supplemental damage assessment helping an individual to substantiate his or her reopen request.

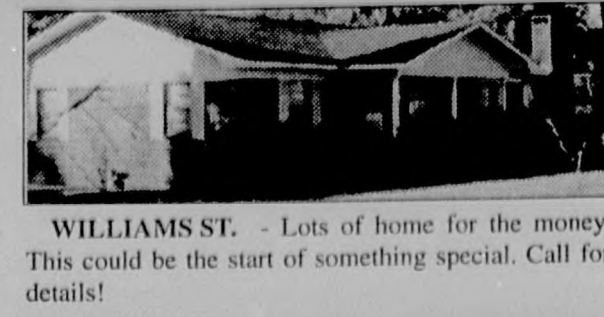
Ehler's favorite saying is "We just count sticks!" meaning we look at every item - no matter how big or small - and let the numbers do the talking.

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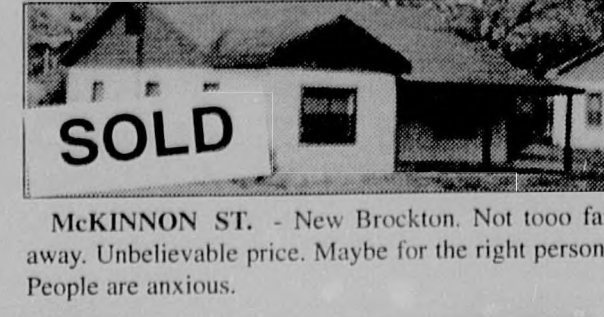
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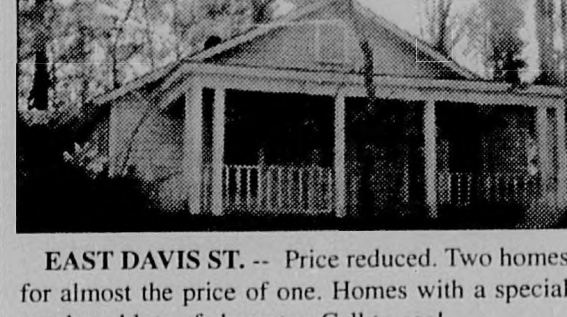
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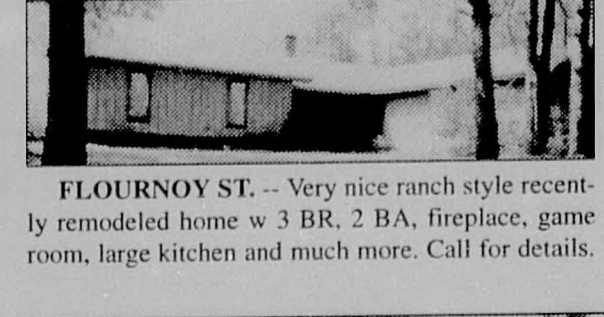
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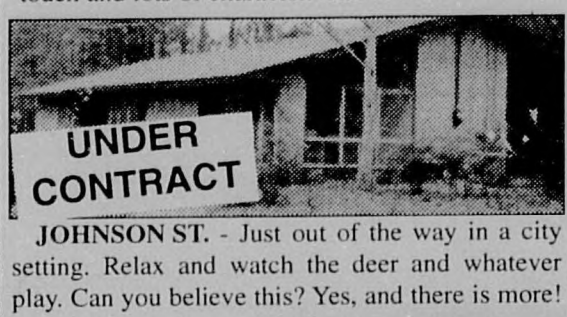
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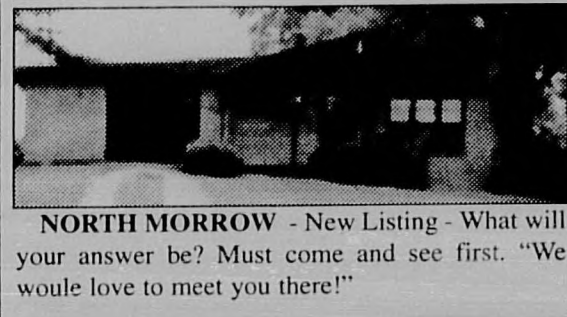
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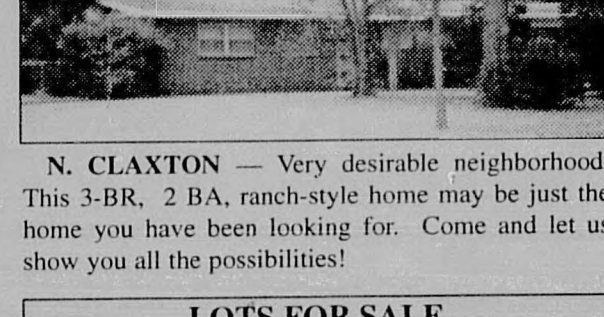
JOHNSON ST. - Just out of the way in a city setting. Relax and watch the deer and whatever play. Can you believe this? Yes, and there is more!



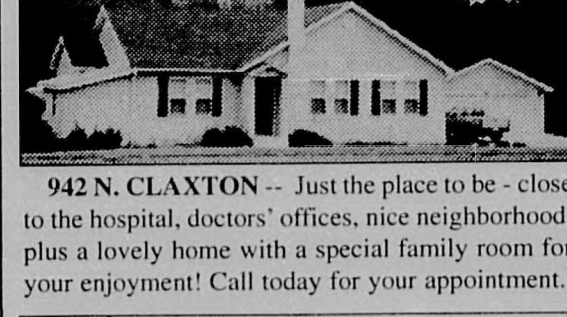
SMITH AVE. - What more or less inside city limit stream maybe. Nice isn't it? "So far" - but there is more!



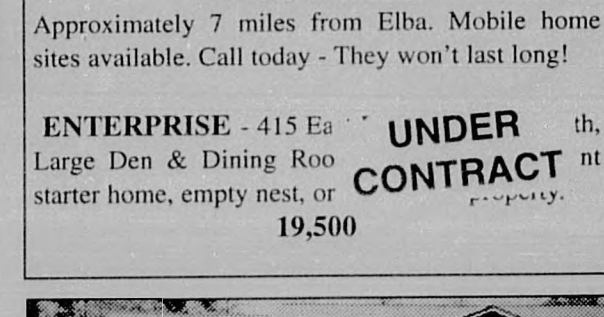
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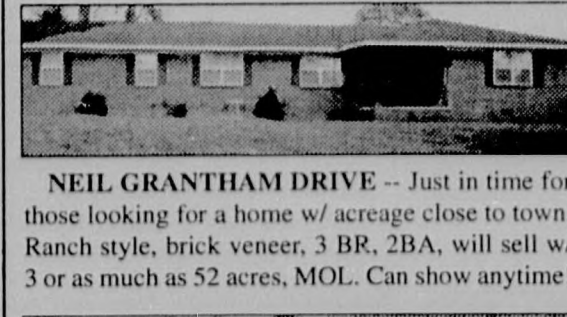
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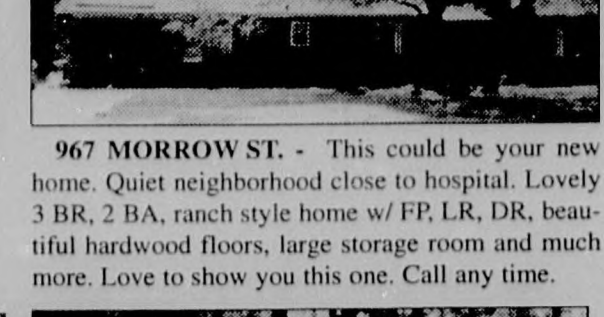
NEIL GRANTHAM DRIVE - Just in time for those looking for a home w/ acreage close to town. Ranch style, brick veneer, 3 BR, 2 BA, will sell w/ 3 or as much as 52 acres, MOL. Can show anytime!



967 MORROW ST. - This could be your new home. Quiet neighborhood close to hospital. Lovely 3 BR, 2 BA, ranch style home w/ FP, LR, DR, beautiful hardwood floors, large storage room and much more. Love to show you this one. Call any time.



929 REESE AVE. - Considering a new home? You must see this one. Beautiful kitchen, large Florida room, large storage bldg., privacy fence. Start making memories today. Ready to occupy!



1143 OAK AVE. - This home could be something special for you. Large family room w/ FP, nice deck area, large storage bldg. 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, nice yards. Call today!

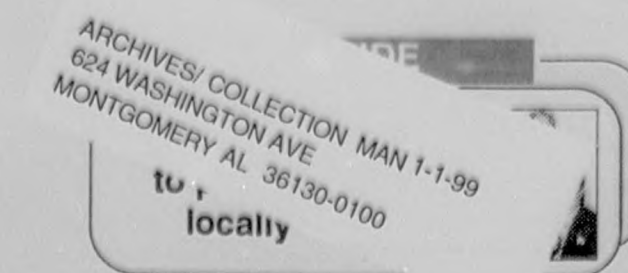


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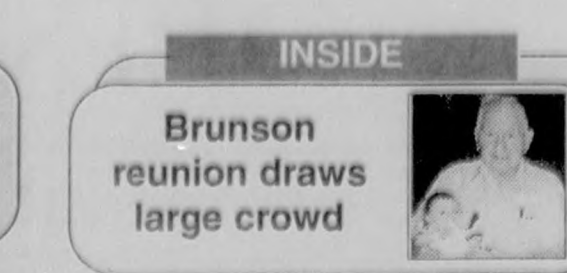
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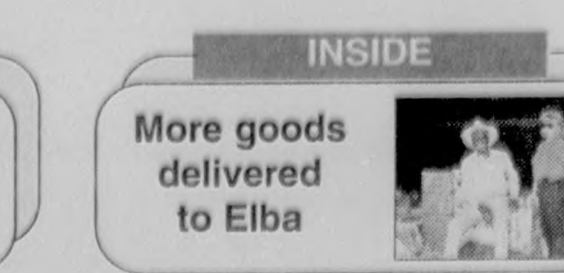
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City gets \$2.7 million to upgrade sewerage

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

On Wednesday, April 22, Elba Mayor James E. Grimes was presented a check for just over \$2.7 million.

The presentation was made by Horace H. Horn, Jr., State Director of USDA Rural Development in Alabama, as a part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's observance of Earth Day.

The monies will be used to fund a sanitary wastewater project within the city of Elba.

Nationally, USDA is investing \$130 million in wastewater and safe drinking water projects in 59 rural communities in 37 states.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman commented, "These projects will improve the health conditions, living environment and economic opportunities of more than 84,000 people in economically distressed areas of rural America."

"Inadequate wastewater disposal is still a major source of water pollution in rural areas."

He added, "Corroded pipes, outdated treatment facilities and substandard septic systems all take a heavy toll on the quality of our nation's drinking water, aquatic habitat and recreational waters."

During the check presentation ceremony at Elba City Hall, Horn presented Mayor Grimes with the check for \$2,740,000 representing a federal loan (\$2,279,000) and grant (\$461,000) funds to be used for expanding and renovation of the city's existing wastewater treatment system.

Mayor Grimes stated, "This project will be an asset to our city."

"The project will be rehabilitating some of our older sewer lines, but most important, the city will be adding 120 new households to our sewer system."

"One of the city's goals is to pro-

vide sewer service to all our citizens in the very near future."

"This is a giant step toward the city's reaching that goal."

Horn added, "We want to be a part of making the quality of life in Elba better."

"We have tried over the last few years to project a more positive image for government and certainly for USDA in letting the people know the things we are doing through projects such as these."

"It's important to note that most of this money is loan money that the City of Elba and its residents will repay to the U. S. Treasury."

"This project is evidence that good things do happen to people who work and work in the right direction."

He commended Mayor Grimes for the leadership he has provided in seeing this project come about and

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Pictured above during the check presentation are (l-r): Steve Pelham, Horace H. Horn, Jr., Sen. Dwight Adams, Cecelia Meeks, and Mayor James E. Grimes.

HAPPENINGS

NEW BROCKTON BAND DAY

The New Brockton High School Band will hold Band Day '98 Saturday, May 2, 1998 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Farm Center located in New Brockton. There will be games for all ages, prizes, cake walk, jail-for-bail, auction, Spacewalk, entertainment from local groups as well as the New Brockton Band. All proceeds go to the band.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Coffee County School System's kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held at the Kinston Elementary School, Tuesday, May 5, 1998, and New Brockton Elementary School on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; Zion Chapel Elementary School, Thursday, May 7, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Students must be 5 years old on or before September 2, 1998 in order to enroll. Parents will need to bring the student's birth certificate, social security card, and Alabama Immunization records to registration. Parents are also encouraged to bring their child with them to registration. For further information, contact the central office at 894-6152.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

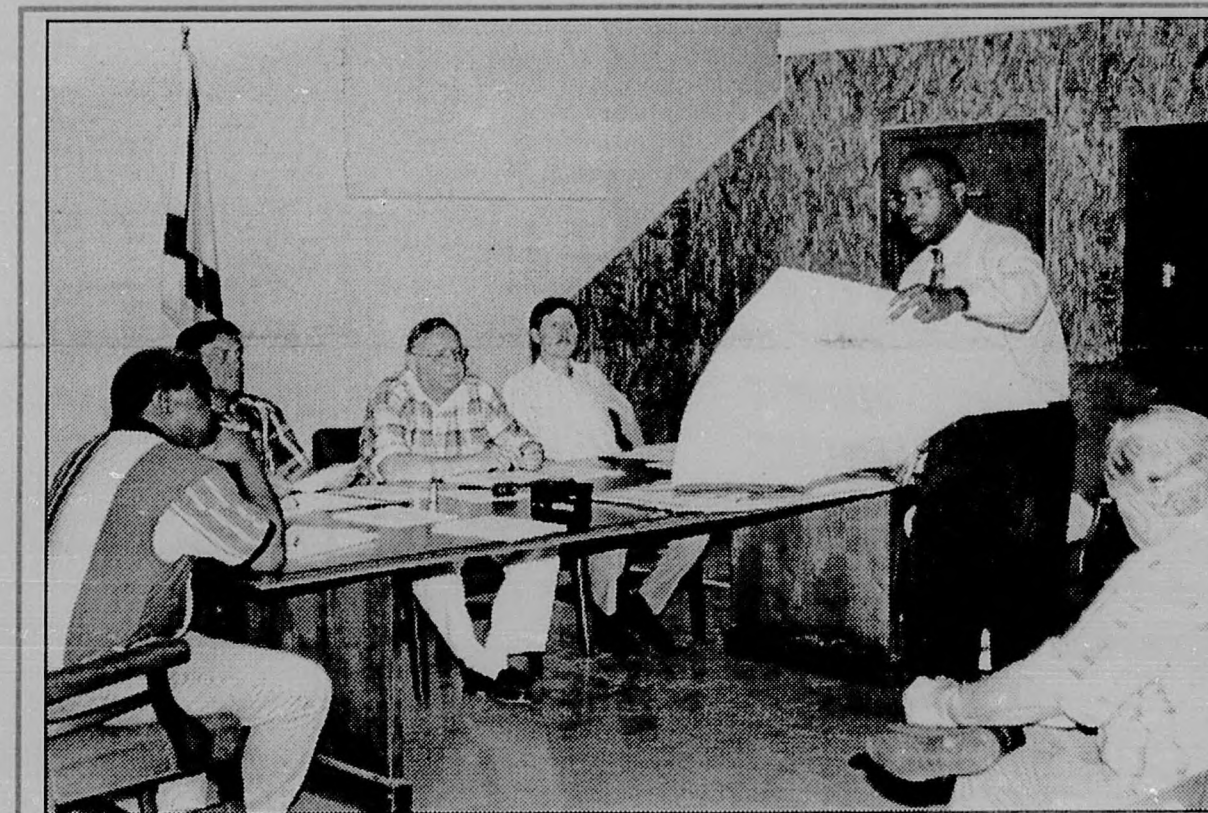
Local observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 7, at the National Security Veteran's Memorial Park on U. S. Hwy. 84E. Area residents are encouraged to bring a snack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship prior to the program which will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. The 30-minute program will be a time of prayer for our country and our community. The Elba Christian Coalition is sponsoring the event. Call 897-8544 for more information.

INDIAN FESTIVAL

The Southeast Pioneer Village, U. S. Hwy. 231, 8 miles north of Troy, is having an Indian Festival, Saturday, May 2, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The festival will include arts and craft displays, good food, and dance performances. Admission is free. Booth spaces are available. For information, call (334)807-3794 or (334)566-3896 or to leave a message, call (334)566-9970 or (334)484-9141.

RESCUE SQUAD NEEDS

EMTS The New Brockton Rescue Squad is accepting applications from anyone interested in becoming an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and will consider paying tuition cost for EMT classes. For info call: 894-5406 (days) or 894-6130 or 894-2191 (evenings).



Frederick Hamilton shows council members a map of proposed sewerage line extensions on Hwy. 84 west. The extension would be funded with a CDBG grant of \$170,000.

Council rezones property for commercial development

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was held at a community moving forward. The council members approved a rezoning for commercial construction, approved sewer extension for business purposes; transferred former school property to the Industrial Board for expansion of a local industry and voted on final plans of a CDBG grant application for sewer line extension on Hwy. 84 West. They also heard Police

Chief Ronnie Whitworth explain that the new radio system being installed in the downtown police station location will be E-911 compatible.

The Planning and Zoning Board has held a hearing on a request to rezone property on 203 Bypass to commercial for construction of buildings for lease to commercial operations and professional offices. The property is owned by Dr. Mitch Purvis. The council voted to concur with the Board's action to approve the rezoning. Council member Ben Carpenter

abstained because he serves as chairman of the zoning board.

In separate action the council unanimously approved the appointment of Brenda Daniels to an unexpired term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

The rights to the former high school gym have been transferred by the city and were transferred to the Industrial Development Board. The move was in anticipation of that board assisting Worth Tent with their plans for continuing

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Schools get money for drug testing

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor presented a \$2,500 check to Elba City Schools Superintendent Charles Pearce on Tuesday.

Joining in the presentation was 12th Judicial Circuit District attorney Mark Fuller.

The check is the first installment of a grant from the Attorney General's Office for random drug testing of student athletes at Elba High School.

A total of \$7,500 will be awarded

over a period of three years.

The Attorney General's Office received the funds to create the grant program through a court settlement in 1995 between Reebok, Inc., and numerous attorneys general nationwide concerning alleged price-fixing by the company.

By joining in the \$9.5 million national settlement, the Attorney General's Office gained \$130,000 for the Alabama.

Grants have been awarded to 14 school systems in Alabama, with

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County assesses road damages at \$3 million plus

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

One of the most important things the Coffee County Commission did in Monday evening's meeting was to fix the "noisy blower."

Even the sound system in the room is inadequate to overcome the "racket" the blower on the air conditioner/heating system makes when it is on.

An evening session is held to accommodate the public so now maybe they will accommodate them [the public] again by making it easy on their hearing.

The majority of the meeting was consumed by a slide presentation by County Engineer Randy Tindell

showing flood damage done to the county's road system.

Tindell told commissioners that literally hundreds of pictures were taken; but it would have taken too long to show them all. He randomly chose slides which showed the various types of damage in the county.

To date, the dollar amount of damage done to the county's infrastructure is \$2,976,120.00 and according to Tindell it will go higher.

The totals from the various agencies surveying the damage are as follows: FEMA's (Federal Emergency management Agency) DSRs (Damage Survey Report) -

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FEMA delivers recovery funds

On Wednesday, April 22, Coffee County received more checks to help in the flood recovery process.

Terry Wilkins, assistant director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, presented two checks from FEMA (Federal Emergency Agency) totaling \$547,572.

These funds are in addition to the \$300,000 received the prior week.

According to Wilkins, these funds will be used in the repairing of roads and bridges. Some of the monies will be used in the rehabili-

tation of other public facilities.

In addition to the above funds, checks were also presented to cities and towns in the county to be used in the same manner.

The City of Enterprise received \$83,347.00 and the towns of New Brockton and Kinston got checks for \$9,294.00 and \$2,087.00 respectively.

Wilkins stated that additional funds will be channeled down as more damage assessment reports and surveys are completed.



Pictured above for the check presentation are (l-r): District Attorney Mark Fuller, Superintendent Charles Pearce, Attorney General Bill Pryor, Dale Crowe, Principal David Stokes, and Jeannie Scott (grant coordinator for the AG's Office).

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